

## CULTURE AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN THE WORLD

**Abstract:** Culture represents a very multi-layered and significant human activity of the modern world. Europe has always been considered the cradle of culture and civilization and has always been an important destination for those attracted by the rich cultural heritage. However, in addition to culture in Europe, this paper put accent on culture in Kosovo, where they will be described as a whole, its origin and development, changes that eventually occurred, differences in culture from other countries, etc. When creating this work I tried to be clear and concise, in order to be useful to anyone who wants to be informed about the culture.

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Culture is a complex social phenomenon and a very broad concept. It includes everything that nature itself does not offer to man. This in a material sense means that it covers the whole processed nature. Culture enables a person to master nature and to get rid of the greatest possible extent of what the animal is in it.

The essence in the category of culture includes the following elements: institutions, religions, rituals, games, artworks, instruments, dishes, language, customs, etc.

The term culture originates from the Latin word *cultus* which means cultivation or field cultivation, which in translation means the cultivation, cultivation, cultivation or cultivation in terms of field processing. Over time, this term changed the meaning, and later it was said that was processing the spirit. At 16. centuries the notion of culture is signified by a religious cult while in the 17th century refers to the development of the spirit and sophisticated manners. Culture is a very complex category and can be divided into:

traditional culture,  
elite culture and  
mass culture.

### The importance of culture in human society

Culture is a specific phenomenon, which is vital to human existence in this world. No transfer of cultural knowledge from generation to generation, it would be impossible to meet all these different human needs, and the man's life would not be interesting. The cultural heritage of mankind includes all those discoveries that have improved the quality of life of man, starting from the discovery of fire to the aircraft, computers and spaceships. In the general sociology, culture is discussed as a way of preparing people for life and their environmental adaptation. Thus, culture is "a mechanism of

knowledge" which has replaced the absence of human instincts that are necessary for survival, as the life skills are not inherited by birth, but systematically acquired over time and experience.

### **The concept of culture**

The concept of culture and society, is one of the most used concepts in sociology. Culture consists of values that the content and standards that respect the members of a group, and material goods that they produce. When we use the word culture in everyday life we often think of it as the equivalent of "high elements of the mind" - art, literature, music, art, culture refers to a whole way of life of members of a society. Culture is a concept different from the society, although in the near ties. the Company has a system of relationships that bind people of the same culture. Snjezana Colic believes that the concept of culture should include total social existence of man, and that he should signify a way of life of certain groups or people, including one's way of economy, life organization, lifestyle, respectively values, customs, beliefs.

### **Culture in the world**

Different geographical regions characterized by a distinct culture that emphasizes the social contact, colonization, trade, travel, migration, religion and mass media.

African culture, especially subsaharsa African culture is influenced by European colonization and arapskeil Islamic culture especially in North Africa.

American culture is shaped by the cultures of the people from Africa, Europe and Asia, which are in the slave trade or migration from Europe arrived there (Dutch, English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish), and in Latin America, for example, Cuba Mexico, Nicaragua, and Asia (China, Korea, and Vietnam).

Culture North American culture is known as " mixed culture " because the different cultural elements adapted to different cultures and races.

Asian cultural tradition is under the influence of Buddhism and Taoism, and East Asia under the influence of common knowledge and moral philosophy of Confucius.

Hindu Islam under the influence of culture from different parts of South Asia.

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Polynesian culture influenced by Christianity.

European culture is largely influenced by the ancient Greeks, ancient Rome and Christian culture. The Middle East is under the influence of Arabic, Persian and Turkish culture. This is mainly Muslim region, although many minorities live in it.

Arab culture is under the influence of Persian and Turkish culture where Islam influences their language, script, art, architecture and literature.

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### **10 most popular Sights in Europe**

### **St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Italy**

Thanks to the impressive St. Peter's Square, where it is located, which are drafted by Michelangelo and Donato Bramante, this tourist attraction each year is visited by more than four million tourists. Church interior is characterized by impressive mosaics and interior, which is located at the top of the list.

### **Great Mosque in Cordoba, Spain**

The history of this building is no less fascinating than its interior decoration, which is characterized by semi-circular red and white arches, domes inspired by the wall in Jerusalem. Originally Islamic buildings, the Great Mosque was turned into a Christian cathedral in the 13th century. Tourists today visit to walking between the 856 columns of jasper, onyx, marble and granite.

### **Church of the Resurrection, St. Petersburg, Russia**

This colorful external building with a golden dome is home to some of the most beautiful mosaics in the world. It was built on the site where he was killed Emperor Alexander II in March 1881. The funds donated by the royal family with the help of thousands of private donors. Its stunning architecture makes it a major tourist attraction in St. Petersburg.

### **Alhambra, Granada, Spain**

Alhambra impressive was originally built as a military fortification, and by 1492 she was part of the Christian court. Later existing buildings add a number of other structures, including military garrisons, a church and a Franciscan monastery. During the 18th and the first part of the 19th century the castle was neglected and many rooms had a role thieves taverns that are frequented. The castle was declared a national monument in 1870, after which it was reconstructed. On the UNESCO list of world heritage is from 1984 and today is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Europe.

### **Cathedral in Milan, Italy**

Many people have described this work of architecture as "one of the most beautiful churches in the world." Best position from which you can enjoy the beauty of this building is its roof, which is necessary to buy a special ticket. Gothic building, which was built six centuries, also the seat of the Archbishop of Milan - Cardinal Angelo Scola.

### **Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey**

Magnificent building built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in just five years - was built between 532 and 537 years. Once one of the most important Christian shrines turned into a mosque in the 15th century, when added in four minarets. Her style is inspired by the Georgian and Seljuk architecture or interior paintings and mosaics still echo the aesthetic of Constantinople in the 13th century.

### **The large square in Brussels, Belgium**

Birsa Central Square, surrounded by walls, and the city courthouse building known as the Castle of bread, is on UNESCO's World Heritage List. The Castle of bread, known in French-speaking world as the "King's House", now houses the Museum of Brussels. Every two years in August, the market spread a large flower "carpet", which beautify this area

### **Eiffel Tower, Paris, France**

The fact that this tourist attraction found in the list does not represent much surprise, given that it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. The construction of the famous tower was completed on 31 March 1889. It is interesting that the Eiffel Tower 41 years ago held the title of tallest building in the world when it was built Chrysler Building in New York. The Eiffel Tower is visited by around seven million visitors, making it the most visited tourist building on the world tour which includes the payment of tickets.

### **Notre Dame de Paris, France**

This is one of the most popular attractions in the world, which in his novel of 1831, immortalized the French writer Victor Hugo. Many praise the beauty of its Gothic style and extraordinary stained glass, opposing the previous Romanesque architecture. Its construction started in 1163 and completed by 1250. With 13 million visitors a year, relations victory over the Eiffel Tower.

### **Acropolis, Athens, Greece**

Magnificent Acropolis rises above Athens and is visible from almost all parts of the Greek capital. In this complex are the remains of several ancient buildings, such as the famous Parthenon.<sup>1</sup>

### **Interesting customs in the world**

**Riding on the back seat of a taxi** - Although it is normal for us to sit in the taxi seat in the taxi, this is not a custom everywhere. In Australia, New Zealand and in some parts of Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands, sitting in the back seat in a taxi is considered insult, while sitting on the passenger seat is an indicator of equality with the one driving you

**Foods to "take a way"** - Fast food has become an everyday diet for a large number of people who, because of work or simply a way of life, do not have or can not cook their own food and eat at home. However, in some countries there is no justification for eating outside the house or restaurant. This nutrition opinion is represented in Rwanda and Japan, where it is unacceptable and is eating at the workplace, bus or any other public place.

**Smiling open mouth** - You've never even thought that anything about laughter could be discouraging. Honest smile is a reflection of happiness, pleasure, fun and everything positive. In one country of the world there are rules that must be respected-even when you laugh. In Japan it is rude to laugh at open mouths. It's just as unusual as when someone eats open mouths.

**Hand in the pocket** - Although it looks like harmless, the hand in the pocket for some nations gives a certain impression. In Turkey and South Korea, people holding one hand in their pockets are considered arrogant.

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